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REMARKS

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1. No aircraft or flying was observed at the Drasden-Klotzsche (N 52/F 29) airfield on 20 December 1949 as the weather was unfavorable. trucks with air force drivers passed through the guarded entrance gate of the field:

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2. An airforce unit including many recruits and a MVD unit were stationed at the field. The hangars were closed and no aircraft were seen as before. The guard detail has been considerably reinforced since 5 January 1950. All roads in the vicinity of the field were continually patrolled by motorized guard sentinels who had arrested three civilians near the field on 5 January 1950. The patrols used jeeps

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3. Some trucks carried recruits to the field:

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Passenger car was also seen.

4. No aircraft or flying was seen at the field on 10 January 1950.

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The field kasernes were occupied by Soviet Air Force and Soviet Army units. Ambulance [redacted] and [redacted] trucks were seen: [redacted]

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5. There was no flying at the field on 10 to 12 January 1950 as it was hazy and rainy. Only a few soldiers and civilians were seen in the former Lufthansa building on the south-east edge of the field. One or two persons were continually seen in the glazed tower of the building, which had a metal rod on top. Sixteen windows of the four-story building were lighted at night. A large hanger, the doors of which were open and having a wind cone, was beside the building. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered, black and blue epaulets were seen on Thaelmannstrasse coming from the kasernes camouflaged among the woods. 50X1-HUM
6. There was no flying on 11 to 13 January 1950. The former Luftkriegsschule was separated from the road by a high board fence. Some young soldiers with green service color and the small delivery-van [redacted] went through the gate on 11 January 1950. White ground signals were fired from the Luftkriegsschule area. 50X1-HUM
7. Fifteen young corporals and EM wearing blue epaulets and propeller insignia were seen entering the kaserne area on 12 January 1950.
8. A single-engine plane [redacted] and engine removed was parked by the hangers on 13 January 1950. A German civilian worker was washing truck [redacted]. 50X1-HUM
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9. The sodded landing field had no runways, only concrete aprons in front of the hangers. The boundary lighting facilities were in poor condition. Another single-engine plane with the engine removed was parked on the western edge. The administration building of the civilian air field was also occupied by troops.
10. There was no flying on 10 and 11 January 1950 as it was hazy and rainy. Twenty soldiers with blue epaulets entered the flight control building of the former German 50X1-HUM

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Lufthansa south of the field. A hundred and twenty soldiers with red-bordered, black epaulets and two-crossed-gun-barrel insignia practiced firing and throwing hand grenades in the airfield kasernes. A block of the adjoining village of Leixdorf (N 52/F 29) which belonged to the restricted area was occupied by Soviets. [redacted] Col Yagudov,

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[redacted] lived there together with other Soviets. Soldiers with red-bordered, black epaulets and tank insignia and violet-bordered, green epaulets were observed at the field entrance gate.

11. Four intact hangars and the flight control station were in the military section of the sodded landing field, and a hangar and the former Lufthansa flight control station were in the civilian section. An intact railroad spur track which was not in use during the period of observation passed through the former air officer candidate school. The hangars had concrete aprons in front. The landing field was surrounded by white-red boundary markings.

Comment:

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a. The report [redacted] indicates that an air force unit and a LVD unit are at the field. [redacted] the LVD unit has about 500 men. It is not assumed that an air unit is stationed in Dresden-Klotzsche. [redacted]

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c. The condition of the field has not essentially changed [redacted]

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